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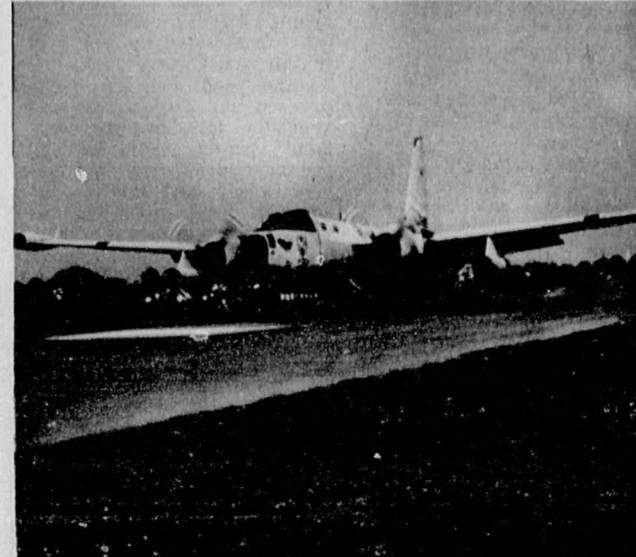
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Job Opening Announced By State

The Alabama State Personnel Department this week announced examinations for filling present vacancies in the following positions:

Education Consultant II (\$10,387 - \$12,766)
Education Consultant III (\$12,246 - \$15,834)
Education Consultant IV (\$15,834 - \$19,422)
Education Consultant V (\$19,422 - \$23,010)
School Food Service Supervisor (\$11,492 - \$14,534)
Law Enforcement State Planning Coordinator (\$12,246 - \$15,834)
Insurance Examiner I (\$8,606 - \$10,751) Plus subsistence pay at the rate of \$15.00 per day when performing duties away from the home station, and an additional 10¢ per mile when the employee uses his own automobile in the performance of such duties.

Full information and application may be obtained from the State Personnel Department at Montgomery or from any local office of the State Employment Service. Applications should be filed by June 12, 1972.



The latest addition to the many displays at the Army Aviation Museum at Ft. Rucker, Ala., is the SP-2F "Neptune" aircraft. A former Navy patrol bomber that has been used by the Army since 1967 in Vietnam, the ship was flown from Cam Ranh, Vietnam, to Ft. Rucker, arriving at the southeastern Alabama post on Sunday (May 21).

General Telephone Plans Improvement

A project to eliminate multi-party telephone service in the communities of Basin, Curtis, Danley Cross Roads and Pine Level, in the Elba Exchange

was begun May 8, 1972, according to General Telephone Company.

Brown, said the project requires the installation of additional telephone cable from the central office in Elba out Highway 84 West to Curtis and out Highway 189 South to Basin.

The project is part of the company's program to provide private and four party service only in rural areas and private and two-party service only in the urban areas of Elba.

This project is to be completed no later than the Fourth Quarter of this year, and will cost General Telephone Company about \$151,219.00, Brown said.

Work in the Northwest section of the Elba Exchange is scheduled to start later this year.

The elimination of multi-party service in Elba will be completed during the fourth quarter of 1972, Brown said.

Elba Teacher Gets Troy State Award

Mrs. Renee Nickell Guthrie Enterprise, has been chosen as this year's recipient of the Troy State University Council for Exceptional Children Award. Mr. Archie Lammon, President of the TSU Council for Exceptional Children, will make the presentation during the Troy State University Honors Day '72 ceremonies on May 23 in Smith Hall.

Mrs. Guthrie graduated from the Troy State University Special Education Program with an academic average of 2.7, the highest scholastic average among Special Education majors for the period of June, 1971, to May 1972. Dr. Dorothy Fleetwood, Director of the Special Education Program at Troy State, praised Mrs. Guthrie's superior performance as a student in the Special Education Program. Teachers (S-POT), a summer program for handicapped children.

"The Council is concerned with promoting high professional standards and improving the preparation of all professionals who will be working with exceptional children. Although the primary emphasis has been upon the teacher-trainees' skills and attitudes in working with handicapped children, superior academic performance is certainly recognized."

Mrs. Guthrie lives with her husband, Tommy, at 113 Walnut Drive, Enterprise. She graduated from high school in Sulphur, Louisiana.

Gospel Meeting Is Planned At Liberty

A Gospel Meeting will be held at the Liberty Church of Christ during the period of June 11-16. Services will be held each evening at 7:30 with William Willis of Montgomery attending as guest speaker.

The Church and its regular minister, Ned Young, invite the public to come hear the gospel just like it is. They believe you will enjoy the preaching of this great Bible Scholar. A cordial welcome awaits you.

Heat Is A Burden To Human Heart

The extreme heat of a sultry summer day can mean more than just an ordinary inconvenience to the elderly heart patient.

On the basis of a study done at Tulane University School of Medicine, the Alabama Heart Association is urging that heart patients (and their families) be made aware of the dangers of heat and humidity to their health as well as how to cope with them.

The study showed that extreme heat as well as extreme cold, results in an increased death rate of those already suffering from cardiovascular or related diseases.

In addition, the doctors who conducted the study, Drs. George E. Burch and Thomas D. Giles -- emphasized that the condition of a patient with any type of heart disease, or any symptoms related to a lack of blood supply to the heart, is made worse by a hot or humid environment.

When the temperature rises, it is the job of the cardiovascular system to maintain regular body heat. Since regulation of extreme heat throws an excessive stress on the heart of even the healthy individual, the heart patient is especially threatened.

But, in the study, all patients were relieved when they returned to a comfortable environment.

The study, according to the Alabama Heart Association, suggests heart patients follow these general rules so as to avoid the heat.

Outside physical activity should be scheduled so as to avoid particularly hot times of day and severely disabled patients must remain especially quiet when heat and humidity are high.

Air conditioning is essential and patients should not suddenly move from air-conditioning to the outside heat.

When air-conditioning is not available, large fans should be used.

The patients should wear loose light clothing and should sponge themselves to facilitate the loss of body heat.

Heart patients should not indulge in hot baths, sunbathing or numerous other activities that are permissible for those with well-functioning hearts.

ADVICE TO HEALTHY The same measures, somewhat modified should be taken by people with a normal cardiovascular system, the doctors concluded.

Attempting a vigorous competitive sport, such as tennis, on a hot and humid day could prove fatal for a person not in shape' in a relatively poor state of health.

Winners Declared In Commission Race



BENNIE BECKHAM



DON SMITH



O. V. WATERS

FEDERAL REFUNDS TOTAL \$143,628,330

Taxpayers in Alabama netted refunds to the tune of \$143,628,330.23 on their 1971 Federal income tax returns, the Atlanta Service Center advised today.

The center mailed 1,017,000 Form 1040's to Alabama taxpayers in December and January. To date 1,022,254 have been returned. Center

officials say the number of any forms yet to be filed is negligible.

The average refund for the Alabama taxpayer was \$202.86 with 708,912 refunds granted. The average refund for the entire Southeast Region of the Internal Revenue Service was \$202.84.



Mrs. Blackstone Gets Gift Upon Retirement

Mr. James Helm is presenting Mrs. Clone P. Blackstone with a clock as a gift from the Kinston School Faculty.

The gift was a token of appreciation for her 28 years of teaching service to the Kinston High School. She was also given a gold booklet containing the class roles for the 28 years.

Mrs. Blackstone has been teaching school for 38 years. She has taught first grade at Kinston for the past 28 years. She has taught led and loved many children.

Debra To Girl's State

Debra Kay Bludsworth has been chosen to represent Elba High School at the 1972 session of Girls State to be held at Huntington College campus in Montgomery June 4-10.

Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Girls State is a laboratory of practical government for personal application of the duties, responsibilities, and privileges of American citizenship. The delegates will establish and elect officials for city, county and state government. Debra plans to campaign for the office of Lt. Governor.

Miss Bludsworth will speak to her sponsoring organization The American Legion Auxiliary and to other clubs upon invitation about her experiences at Girl's State.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bludsworth and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Holley, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bludsworth, Debra was selected to attend Girls State because of her outstanding participation in French Club, corresponding Secretary, F.H.A. Science Club, President, Color Guard Commander for past three years; Band Council; member of the Baptist Church.

Rescue Squad Answers 12 Calls

The Elba Rescue Squad answered 12 calls, from May 22 through May 28 involving 59 man hours and a distance of 695 miles.

Board Of Education Hold Open Meeting In Courtroom

The Coffee County Board of Education held an open meeting on Friday morning, May 26th, and announced the final decisions on the new school bus policies. It was the combined decision of each school system (Elba and Enterprise) the county schools and the county board of education, to leave the routes as proposed in March.

The board stated that the present overlapping of bus routes was costing the county approximately \$40,000 each school year. The state's part of the bus financing covers only 80% of the necessary expenses thus leaving 20% for the county to provide.

The Enterprise City School System and the Elba School System agreed to fund their share of the loss in busing county students to city schools. This will leave the county still paying a make-up of \$25,000. Members of the concerned parents group who have been meeting with the board members and attempting to work out a desirable plan for both parties stated, "that they were being discriminated against."

It was announced that rural students will be brought to city school systems by some means - the parents intend to truck them in if necessary - but they intend for their children to attend the city school systems.

The county board of education intends to improve the quality of education in the county school systems and the new bus routes will bring up the enrollment. Leroy Miller Sr., of Elba, is married and has one child. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Miller Sr., of Elba.

Among criteria for selection for the award is that the student rank in the upper 50 per cent of his class scholastically, be a legal resident of Alabama and have the intention of joining the construction industry in Alabama after graduation.

Five buses will be discontinued and sold at public auction. The pick-up and boundaries have been decided upon by other students coming to the pick - or boundary areas will be based to city schools. Each

child will be provided transportation to a school but they have a choice to accept it. If they choose not to accept the county provided transportation they must provide their own transportation to the schools or pick-up areas where buses will then take them to the desired school.

The board was asked if they were hiring teachers to improve the quality of education at the county schools - then why not take those funds and pay for the busing expenses of students to the city systems? The board stated that the state pays the teachers' salaries not the county board of education. These finances received from the state could not be placed on busing expenses.

Many of the questions brought before the board were the same as had been presented in previous meetings. The concerned parents still felt that the questions were not answered in the right manner and some were left unanswered.

It was posed before the board - "the question of overlapping" - one individual had two buses going past his home to two different schools. His children had been attending New Brockton High School. But under the new bus and attend another county school. Both buses would pass their home. The county bus would also be crossing a bridge that has been condemned years.

Many of the parents felt that the board was more concerned with the schools rather than

the better education of the child. One student would have to walk and catch a bus in order to be able to attend a city school system or take a loss on hand instruments which he would be unable to use at the school he was rezoned to attend.

It was pointed out to the board that at some of the pick-up areas approximately 75 students will be boarding. It will then take more than one pick-up bus. They asked wouldn't it cost approximately the same for the buses to make the complete routes as were made during the 1971-72 school term.

A very dissatisfied parent said that if the final decision was rezoning then why not cut the city buses off at the city limits and let each county child take care of himself. In either case - many parents will be transporting their child to the school of their choice.

It was suggested by one of the concerned parents that the community help with the lacking funds.

One point brought out was that if children are brought to the pick-up areas the county will receive the 80% cost from the State. It was stated that rather than have the county receive this money and the parent have to transport the child any length of distance that they would just bring them in on the school.

Another factor was if some children are transported to city schools and the county buses make their designated runs the county will be transporting only small numbers of students.

The group of concerned parents planned a meeting for Monday night at 7:30 in the Victoria Community Building. A member of the State Board of Ed-

ucation was scheduled to attend. The group thought a State Board member was to attend the meeting held on Friday. Present for the Friday morning meeting were: Mr. Harvey Lockley, County Superintendent of Education; Mrs. Martha Kate Martin, secretary, county board of education; Mr. Mai Sanders, Mr. W. H. Taylor, Mr. W. R. Fuller, Mr. Frank Britt, and Mr. Charles Mallory, county board of education members, and principals and superintendents of each city and county school, along with approximately seventy-five concerned parents.

A good group discussion was carried on and the decision of re-approaching the county board of education was decided upon. The group will meet again with the board members and ask for a reconsideration of the routes and will propose that the parent's group help provide the lacking funds.

The group discussed with the state board member the procedure for combining the three school systems in Coffee County. The group felt that if the 2 city school systems and the county school system were united that better educational facilities would be provided for all concerned. A bill would have to be placed before the state legislature by a Coffee County representative and passed by a majority of its members before such a combining procedure could be performed.

Official Vote Count Released

Approximately 41 percent of the qualified voters in Coffee County took time out to cast a ballot for the Democratic Primary run-off election. In the days leading up to the election, as one observer so aptly worded it, "You can't get a good stream going around Elba if you insist in talking about County Politics."

At stake in the election were the three newly created County Commissioner seats in District four. Winning berths and the right to face Republican opposition in November were Don Smith in Place 1, Bennie C. Beckham in Place 2 and O. V. Waters in Place 3. Again, all three face Republican opposition in November.

In Place 1 of District 4, the official tally gives Don Smith an overwhelming victory over his opponent W. T. McKinney with 4571 votes to McKinney's 2199 votes.

O. V. Waters in Place three was the victor with the narrowest margin. He polled 3624 while his opponent Max J. Reeves polled 3372.

In other races Coffee County was in harmony with the rest of Alabama in overwhelmingly voting to unseat incumbent Public Service Commissioner President Bull Comer. The County voted 4863 for Hammond and 1896 for Comer.

In the race for Supreme Justice, James Faulkner led Mrs. Shores in Coffee County 3312 to 2687 and at press time was leading statewide also.

Even though Wendall Mitchell led in Coffee County by 3526 to 3389, he lost out in the district to Ben C. Reeves of Enola.

Coffee County joined the rest of Alabama in approving the Amendment #1 which deal with ad valorem tax.

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Roy Miller Wins Auburn Scholarship

Leroy Miller, Jr., of Elba is this year's recipient of the F. R. Hoar Scholarship at Auburn University.

The \$500 award was presented recently by Richard Hoar, president, F. R. Hoar and Son, Inc., general Contractor in Birmingham which established the annual scholarship for a student at Auburn majoring in building technology.

Roy will be a junior in building construction this year. He is married and has one child. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Miller Sr., of Elba.

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COFFEE
NEWS & CHAT

BY SARA E. HUTCHINSON

ADULT RIGHTS

When should adult rights be granted? There is no magic age of maturity. Adult rights don't depend on the number of candles on a birthday cake. A few people can handle responsibilities at age 12; others are still having problems at 60. Recently, the Children's Bureau asked young people how they felt about age restrictions on activities and behavior. They found that young people do accept some dividing line between youth and adult status. In fact, the youths indicated that they expected to acquire adult privileges and responsibilities over a period of several years. But they would like to begin sooner than is now possible.

Possibly, the most important item that came from the survey was that young people believe more emphasis should be placed on competence and less on precise age.

Too often, adults believe a child will automatically become mature when he reaches a certain birthday. This isn't the case. Each child is striving for maturity, but maturity is determined by individual strengths and weaknesses.

Maturity is more than age. It means being responsible, emotionally able to endure tension and do productive work, and being able to love and be loved.

SKIRTS, slacks and dresses which have elastic waistbands often twist. To prevent this twisting, stitch vertically through casing and elastic in six or eight places. Waistlines of skirts with elastic bands provide a perfect place to shorten too long skirts.

BUDGET—Is the financial plan or budget you made at the beginning of the year working for you?

If your estimates for living expenses, savings, contributions and recreation haven't been satisfactory, don't be discouraged. Often, the first plan you decide on doesn't work.

Your financial plan may not work because emergencies occur and circumstances change. And, like many other families you may need to change your plan to meet family needs until the end of the year.

To know how well your financial plan fits your family, a systematic check is necessary. You know where your money goes only when you keep a financial record to show how you spend the money.

There are many "nibblers" on the best of plans. Any thoughtless spending of quarters, dimes and nickels can cause trouble. Unexpected expenses or emergencies — broken glass, a plumber's repair, etc. — can strain your budget.

Bills for a number of emergencies can completely cripple your spending money. But when you know your family's money, it's easier to make adjustments in a financial plan.

You can begin an account book any time of the year. You don't have to wait until the beginning of the year.

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PUBLICATIONS—New publications which have just come into our office are: "Let's Have a Chicken Barbecue," "Fun With Outdoor Cooking," "Annual Bedding Plants," "Summer The Year Round With Frozen Fruits," "Summer The Year Round With Frozen Vegetables."

If you would like a copy of one or more of the publications, please call our office, 347-6095, and we'll gladly mail you your request.

COFFEE COUNTY RESIDENTS
RECEIVE DEGREES FROM
HUNTINGDON

Three Coffee County residents were awarded degrees from Huntingdon College in Montgomery during commencement exercises at the college on Sunday, May 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Deane McLaughlin, Sr. of Enterprise, were awarded the B. A. degree in education.

Sherry Elizabeth Cooper received the B. S. degree with majors in elementary education and library services. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Cooper of Elba.

Patricia Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Kennedy of Elba, was awarded the B. S. degree with a major in elementary education.

ADELPHI HONOR SOCIETY INITIATES 21 FRESHMAN

The Adelphi Honor Society initiated 21 freshman women, Wednesday evening, May 10, in ceremonies in the Faculty Lounge, Smith Hall at Troy State University.

The Adelphi Honor Society is an honorary organization recognizing the thousand who have distinguished themselves by their superior scholarship in their first year studies in college. Election to membership which requires a 2.5 average, has always been an important honor for young women.

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DIXIELAND DRIVE-IN

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EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY—Sales position with a good solid future, complete training, rapid growth and opportunity to earn \$200 or more a week. Send brief resume to: Mr. Drye, 1675 Montclair Rd., #268, Birmingham, Ala., 35210, 5/25/4tc.

For Sale - 1 acre of land. Paved road off New Brockton Hwy. \$7500. Call 897-5653 or 897-6388, 5/25/4tc.

For Sale - 3 Bedroom Brick house. Has been appraised over \$14,500. Will take \$11,300. Call 897-5491, 5/18/4tc.

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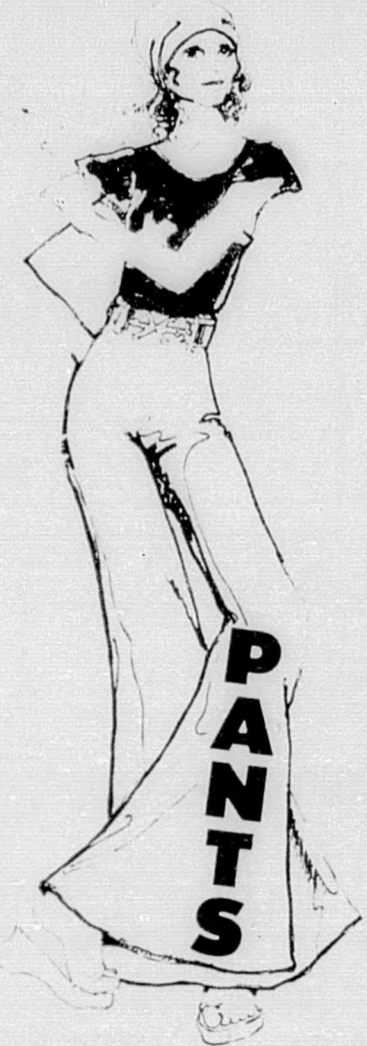
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Patricia Kennedy
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Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall Kennedy announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Patricia, to Claude Ronald Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Nicholson.

The wedding will be at the Elba United Methodist Church on June 4 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the wedding ceremony. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Mrs. Lee Hosts The Homemakers' Club

Mrs. Fountain Lee was hostess to the Lee Homemakers' Club for its May meeting which was held in her home. Attending were twelve club members and one guest.

Mrs. W. B. Westbrook, president, presided over the minutes and welcomed Mrs. Ethel Dick, the visitor.

Mrs. Roy Watkins gave the devotional and Mrs. Westbrook led in prayer.

The group sang "Bringing in the Sheaves."

The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Price Ringo.

A business session was conducted by Mrs. Westbrook and plans were made for the annual picnic to be held on August 15th at 6 p.m. at the Elba Pool.

A report was presented on a recent meeting in Enterprise which was attended by Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Idelle Whitman. Mrs. Watkins distributed

Miscellaneous Shower Fetes
Mrs. LaDon Campbell

Mrs. LaDon Campbell, the former Debbie Carlie, was honored recently with a miscellaneous shower at the Elba Country Club.

The reception table was covered with an imported white lace cloth with an underkirt of green. A five stand candleabra holding white finger-tapers, draped with green tapers, ivy and yellow mums carried out the bridal colors of green, yellow and white. Throughout the party room tall yellow tapers entwined with ivy and yellow tea roses graced the atmosphere.

Mrs. Lorene Bryan registered the guests with a lovely plumed pin.

Forming the receiving line were Mrs. Conway Lowery who introduced the guest to the honoree, her mother, Mrs. Betty Carlie, Mrs. Twinnie Campbell, mother of the honoree; Mrs. Fred Carpenter and Mrs. H. D. Carlie, grandmothers of the honoree. Each wore a beautiful corsage presented to them by the hostess.

Tea girls were: Miss Pam Carlie, sister of the honoree; Misses Patty and Susie Hughes, cousins of the honoree; from Dothan, and Miss Cathy Morrow.

Hostesses for the lovely occasion were Mrs. Myrt Carpenter, Mrs. Dot Smith, Mrs. Lily Johnson, Mrs. Lorene Bryan, Mrs. Judy Boswell, Mrs. Ben Carpenter, Mrs. Marsha Oggs, Mrs. Martha Carlie and Mrs. Price Ringo.

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Davis Receives Medal

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Sergeant Davis, a C-130 flight engineer, distinguished himself while flying an essential combat mission in support of military operations.

He was presented the medal at Little Rock AFB, Ark., where he now serves with a unit of the Tactical Air Command which provides combat units for air force of U. S. ground forces.

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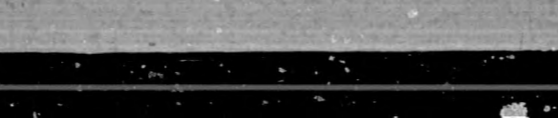
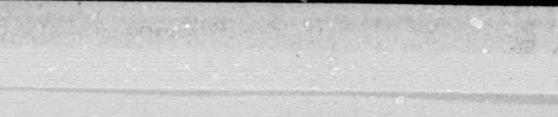
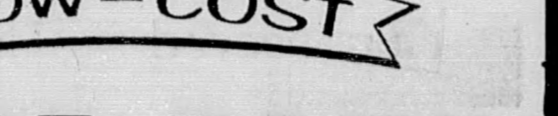
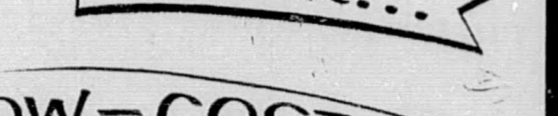
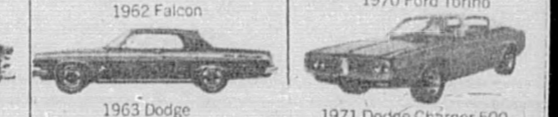
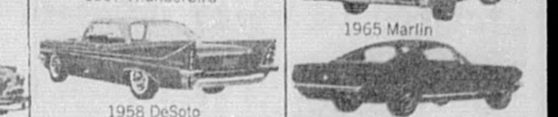
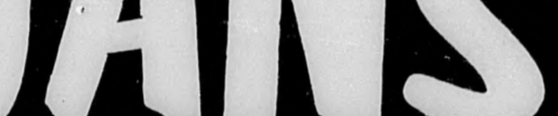
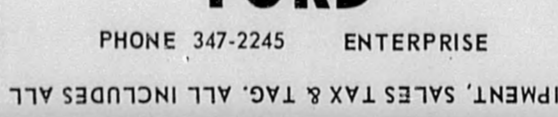
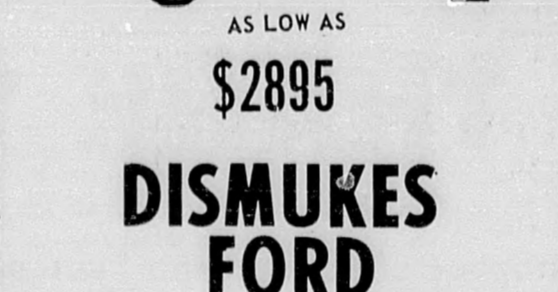
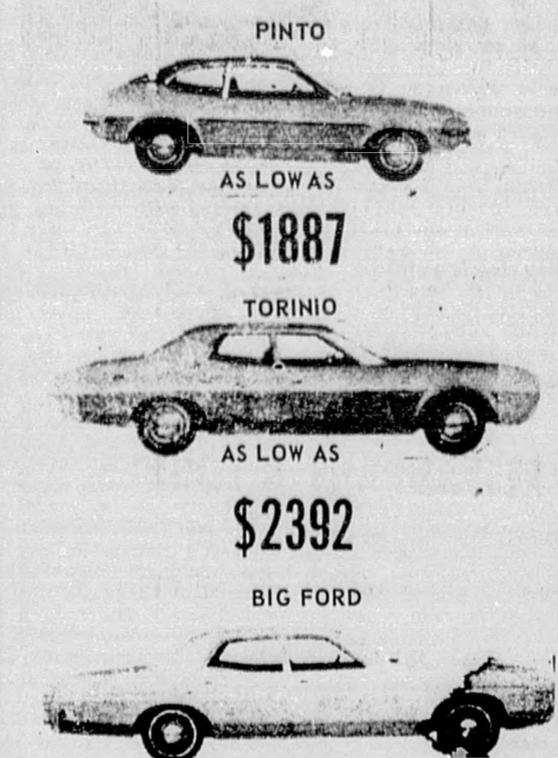
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12th ANNIVERSARY SALE!

By Tom Casaday, County Extension Chairman

FISHPONDS
Henry Holiday of Route One, New Brighton, has recently moved to a 10 acre plot of land. He is remodeling his house and trying to decide what to do about a fishpond. He has a fine 3/4 of an acre pond which is about 20 feet deep in places. He wanted to know whether he should put catfish,

basin or bream in this pond. Of course, this decision will rest on his main interests. If he puts in catfish, though, he would have difficulty in draining the pond to get the fish.

Speaking of fishponds, John Richburg, the new Soil Conservationist, told me yesterday that he had several applications for people who were waiting to get ponds built. There is no doubt about it -- there is a big interest among a lot of farmers in having a small pond for personal use.

VETERINARY PROJECT
Dr. Louis Jones, a veterinarian affiliated with Miller Veterinary Clinic, is a big help in the 4-H veterinary science project. Several Coffey County 4-Hers under the leadership of Mrs. Dot Olsen are taking the course. It is a great thing for a highly professional man like Dr. Jones to take an interest in the needs of these young people.

If our plans develop as we hope they will, 4-H Club work is going to be a bigger and better program than ever before as they begin in October. Perhaps we will have other folks like Dr. Jones and Mrs. Olsen who are willing to give some of their time to helping members who have special projects.

SELLING PEANUTS
The other night I had the opportunity to meet a young couple from England who were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Murray Sessions. I understand that these people are connected with the peanut industry in England. Certainly, we need more people promoting the con-

sumption of peanuts. In connection with this, I know that Mr. Nixon is discussing grain sales to Russia. I hope that those folks who are in Washington who are closely associated with the peanut industry have briefed the President on the need to promote peanuts, also.

PROMISING GRAIN
I visited with Jack Foley, a farmer in the Kinston community a few days ago. Jack Foley, who also operates the Monsanto Chemical Company in Kinston, showed me a 30-acre field of rice.

This grain is a new development of the soil survey, a new and very important one has been added. Soil Survey information for urban planning is helping to solve many problems for county and city planners.

As more and more of our farmland goes to town, soil surveys are following. Each year over 1 1/3 million acres of land disappears from our fields and pastures to reappear blacktopped and cemented over, an industrial society. Whether the land is used for corn or construction, it is still necessary to know the kinds of soil and their behavior under different treatments in order that the land may be wisely used. Non-farm people are realizing this more and more. Their requests to Soil Conservation Districts for soil surveys made by soil scientists of the Soil Conservation Service have been more than doubled each year for the past several years.

What has been learned about selecting soils for farming and forestry can be applied equally as well as selecting soils for houses and roof courses. Soils can be rated for such non-farming uses as lawns, foundations, septic tank filter fields, light industries and commercial buildings, roads and streets, sewage lagoons, airports and highways, intensive play areas, sanitary landfills and other urban uses. The need for soil surveys as a base for a National Land Use Policy and for improving our environment is becoming urgent. An example of such

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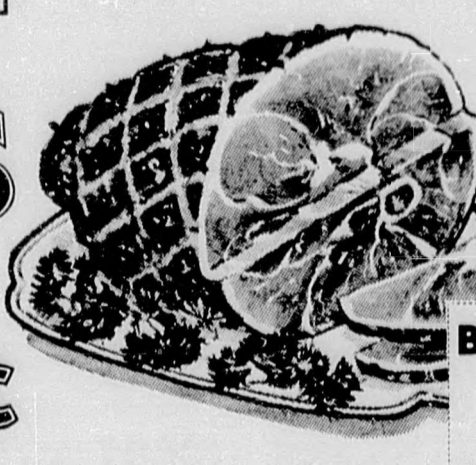


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EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

JUNE 1, 1972

TITLE I PROGRAMS HELP CURRICULUM OF COUNTY SCHOOLS

Special programs in reading, math and special education made available under Title I, P. L. 89-10 have enriched the curriculum of the schools in Coffee County.

Implementers of the 1971-1972 Title I Program began by identifying the eligibility of the pupils enrolled in the Coffee County Schools. All schools were qualified to participate in the Title I Program.

Results from the most recent testing program were examined in an effort to assess the specific educational needs of the eligible students. While deficiencies were apparent in nearly all academic areas, the most notable weaknesses appeared in reading and mathematics.

Talks with teachers and principals, relating to the reading levels in the local schools, served to reinforce our belief that our most pressing need involved the reading skills. Consequently, reading

was assigned first priority for the Title I Program with mathematics and additional special education units as our next most pressing needs.

In each of the 6 Coffee County Schools, a number of approaches are being used to place each Title I child in grades 1 through 6, in the learning situation that is most appropriate for him. Some of these approaches stress early learning and readiness, an experience approach to language and reading and the acquisition of those reading skills in which the student is deficient. Some of the class techniques used include instructional materials on the level of the child; varied activities of brief duration; many visual aids; concrete, objective materials; utilization of children's experiences, realistic, attainable standards; individualized instruction and frequent praise and rewards.

Three 7th grade 4-H girls, right, have just finished preparing "Sloppy Joes" in a nutrition program under the leadership of Mrs. Myrna Rhoades, Coffee County Extension Home Agent, in Mr. Paul Youngblood's upper elementary Title I Special Education Class at New Brockton High School. Needless to say, the students are enjoying the results.

READING PROGRAM

Seven reading teachers with class loads varying from 10 to 15 pupils per class are teaching remedial reading to approximately 580 students in grades 1 through 6 in the reading laboratories of the 6 schools in the Coffee County School System. These schools are: New Brockton High School, New Brockton, Alabama; Kinston High School, Kinston, Alabama; Zion Chapel High School, Jack, Alabama; New Hope Junior High School, Route 2, Brun-

idge, Alabama; Goodman Junior High School, Route 1, Enterprise, Alabama and Mt. Pleasant Junior High School, Route 1, Enterprise, Alabama.

EARLY ELEMENTARY READING OBJECTIVES

1. To acquire independent word attack.
2. To develop self-expression and creativity.
3. To develop self-confidence and self-assurance to the degree that the student can participate satisfactorily in the primary grades and in his community and home.
4. To develop an alertness to respond quickly.
5. To recognize simple definitions and to be able to follow directions.
6. To improve visual and auditory discrimination skills.
7. To enlarge sight vocabulary.
8. To strengthen comprehension.

Students selected for the remedial reading program in grades 1 through 6 were selected on the basis of test scores obtained from the California Short Form Test of Academic Aptitude and the California Reading Test. Students below grade level and those having the widest range between mental ability and reading performance were given priority. Classroom teacher recommendations were also given consideration.

Early elementary remedial reading students have met with the Title I reading teachers for a minimum of 40 minutes per day, 5 days a week for a period of 36 weeks. Later elementary remedial reading students have met with Title I Reading teachers for a minimum of 50 minutes per day, 5 days per week for a period of 36 weeks. These periods of intensified, individualized, remedial instruction were held in the reading laboratories where tachistoscopic machines, controlled readers, reading pacers, overhead, film and filmstrip pro-



Mrs. Patsy Britt, helps students at the Reading Pace, in a sixth grade Title I Reading Class at Mt. Pleasant Junior High School.



Meet the office staff of the Coffee County Board of Education. Seated, Mrs. Martha Martin, Bookkeeper. Standing, left to right, Mrs. Myrna G. Smith, Title I Coordinator; Mr. H. J. Locklar, Superintendent of Education; and Mrs. Jane H. Hudson, Title I Secretary.



Mrs. Annie Lois Hooks, Title I Special Education teacher, using the Distar program with a small group of primary Special Education students.



Mrs. Hilda Smith, Title I Math teacher, works with a group of elementary students at Kinston High School.



Mrs. Sherlene Page, Title I Reading Teacher, works with a group of second grade students on the long and short sounds of the letter e at Zion Chapel High School.



Mrs. Nellie English, Title I Reading teacher, works with a group of elementary students on 'Rules for Consonants' at Goodman Junior High School.



Mrs. Myrtle L. Pierce, Title I Reading teacher, looks on and guides students in their selection of a book to read for pleasure.

jectors and tape recorders were used as well as materials such as S. R. A. Labs, E. D. L., MacMillan, Webster, Readers Digest Skill Builders, Bobbs-Merrill, Open Court, Barnell-Loft, Gates Pearson and many other materials in addition to interesting library books on the individual child's reading level.

In service training has been carried on continuously during the school years between Title I reading teachers and other classroom teachers and principals. There were 5 county-wide In-Service meetings held during the regular school year. The first one, held just prior to the opening of the school year was an orientation and preparation meeting for Title I teachers. The other 4, held during the school year, were designed to let consultants from the State Department of Education as well as consultants from companies from which we had bought materials to come in and explain the proper use of materials we already had and show us new materials that were being used successfully elsewhere.

Students who have been placed in remedial reading classes have not only shown a remarkable improvement in reading skills but in other subject matter fields as well as a result of enlarged vocabularies and better comprehension of different materials read. Their attitudes toward school, teachers and classmates have improved as they gained confidence and self-assurance in their own abilities.

MATH PROGRAM

It is generally agreed that a high percentage of difficulty experienced in high school and college mathematics is directly due to the failure to master arithmetic in the elementary grades. Arithmetic can be difficult. Skills which come easily to some members of a class can become a source of endless frustration and misery for others. There is, of course, a reason for this. Arithmetic is a child's first introduction to abstract science. Having spent all his young life with concrete, tangible realities, he, all of a sudden, finds himself staring at a sheet of blank paper, being asked to visualize something. This is a difficult transition, and no two children react to it in the same way. The reaction, however, is important. Arithmetic is the first real challenge for many students, and their scholastic future may well depend on the outcome of this initial encounter.

For these reasons, officials of the Coffee County Board of Education, the Title I Advisory Committee, principals and teachers felt that it was essential to include math improvement as one of the

phases of this year's Title I Project. Remedial Math classes were established in grades 1 through 6 in the Kinston and Zion Chapel elementary schools for approximately



Mrs. Sara Tillman works with a group of primary Special Education students in the Title I Special Education unit at New Hope Junior High School.



Mrs. Lillian Wong, Title I Special Education teacher works with a group of primary Special Education students at Goodman Junior High School.



Mr. Louis V. Coone, Math teacher, works with a group of Title I 2nd grade students at Zion Chapel High School.



Mrs. Melinda Sanders, teacher, works with a group of Title I Reading students on 'er' blends at New Hope Junior High School.



A group of Title I Special Education students select a book on their own interest and ability level at New Brockton High School.

195 students under the supervision of 2 Title I Math teachers.

EARLY ELEMENTARY MATH OBJECTIVES

1. To develop an attitude toward participating in classwork.

2. To help the student to an awareness of the importance of math throughout his life.

3. To develop self-confidence.

4. To bring the student nearer to the level of his classmates.

5. To develop satisfaction in work well done.

LATER ELEMENTARY MATH OBJECTIVES

1. To stimulate the student to want to do better work.

2. To develop satisfaction and pride in work well done.

3. To bring the student nearer to the level of his classmates.

4. To develop understanding of math vocabulary.

5. To develop reasoning.

Students selected for the Title I Remedial Math Program were selected on the basis of the test scores from the California Short Forms Test of Academic Aptitude and the California Math Test, on past performance records, and on classroom teacher recommendations. Students who were not working up to grade level who had the widest range between mental ability and math performance were given first priority.

The number of students in the Title I math classes has ranged from as few as 7 students to a maximum of 20 students per class. The time of treatment has been a minimum of 45 minutes per day, 5 days per week for a period of 36 weeks. Materials and equipment used have included overhead and filmstrip projectors, flash cards, tachistoscope kits, mimeographed materials, books and workbooks on the individual student's level.

Teachers are now in the process of evaluation of student progress folders, checklist and standardized test scores and are very enthusiastic about the progress that has been made.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EARLY ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED. OBJECTIVES

1. To develop self-expression and creativity.

2. To develop self-confidence and self-assurance to the degree that the student can participate satisfactorily on his own level.

3. To develop desirable social attitudes.

4. To develop emotional stability.

5. To develop sound character.

6. To develop an attitude of cooperation and participation.

7. To develop satisfaction in worthwhile work.

LATER ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION OBJECTIVES

1. To develop satisfaction in worthwhile work on the individual student level.

2. To develop self-confidence and self-assurance.

3. To develop self-expression and creativity.

4. To develop coordination.

5. To develop mental alertness.

6. To develop a knowledge of the essentials of good health, proper diet, proper rest, proper activities and proper exercises.

7. To develop a knowledge and interest in good grooming.

Exceptional children are those who deviate from the norm physically, mentally or emotionally to the extent that they are not able to profit from instruction in the regular classroom. They require different instructional techniques or special services to meet their specific needs.

The concept of equal educational opportunity does not imply identical



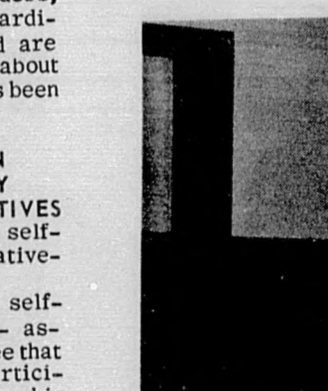
Mrs. Margaret Hill, Title I Special Education teacher helps a group of primary Special Education students at Mt. Pleasant Junior High School.



Mrs. Annie Lois Hooks, Special Education teacher, works with a small group of primary special education students doing number work.



Its 'story time' for a group of Title I pre-school children at Mt. Pleasant Junior High School under the direction of teacher, Miss Judy McIntosh.



Mrs. JoAnne Jones works with a group of Title I pre-school children at New Hope Junior High School.



Mrs. Lulu Stubbs helps children to assemble.



Mrs. Genelle Swett works with a Title I pre-school group at Zion Chapel High School.



Mr. Luther Manwaring, Title I Reading teacher at New Brockton High School, reviews a diagnostic test with a group of third grade Title I students.



Miss Mollie Belle Sawyer, Title I Reading teacher at New Brockton High School has just finished showing a Reading filmstrip to this group of elementary students.



Mrs. LuAnne Planchon works with a Title I pre-school group at Goodman Jr. High School, using puppet play-mates.

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educational opportunity. Children's needs vary according to the individual differences. Those characterized by accentuated deviations in physical, mental, and emotional developments have unique patterns of learning; therefore, appropriate techniques and methods of instruction must be employed to satisfy the educational requirements of exceptional children. Educational programs for exceptional children are designed to encourage each individual to develop his potential, provide preparation for citizenship, employment and economic self sufficiency.

Title I has enabled the Coffee County School System to place 5 additional special education units in the schools of Coffee County. These units have enabled Coffee County to have at least one special educational unit in each school.

Before children were accepted into the Title I special education classes they were tested by a state approved psychologist. It was on the basis of test results compiled by the psychologist that these children were recommended for placement in the program. The procurement of the psychologist was also a benefit of Title I.

Special Education classes are limited to 15 students per class. Because there is a cross section of grades and ages most classes are further divided into small groups in order to meet individual differences. A considerable block of time is spent on the basic skills of reading, spelling, oral language, writing and arithmetic. Among many and varied materials being used are the Peabody Language Development Kits, the Alpha One Program, the Distar Program, filmstrips, transparencies, books and workbooks. One especially interesting highlight in an upper elementary special education class has been the DOT (Diet's Our Thing) program in cooperation with Auburn Extension Service in which a group of 7th grade 4-H girls taught a series of nutrition programs and showed students how to prepare healthful, nutritious and well balanced meals under the direction of Mrs. Myrna Rhodes, Extension Home Agent. We are deeply grateful to the Auburn Extension Service for this support of our program.

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PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Additional Title I money received in January, 1972 led to another meeting with our principals and the Title I Advisory Committee from each of the county schools. Since there was not enough money to operate a summer school program in each Title I School and since the cost of busing students during the summer months was prohibitive the decision was made to operate a 6 week kindergarten program for eligible Title I students in 5 of the 6 county schools. Since a Head-Start Program had been in operation for the entire school year at New Brockton the decision was reached that there would not be enough eligible children in that area to justify a class there.

The kindergarten program began on April 10, 1972 and operated through May 19, 1972. The preschool children are children who will be 6 years old by or on October 2, 1972 and eligible for first grade. They have enjoyed many new and varied experiences. They have been transported to and from school on the same buses as the other children. This has involved them in a full day of school but ample rest periods were provided. The kindergarten program has provided a continuity of experiences which promoted growth, challenged thinking, and encouraged the development of new skills, cognitive, affective and psychomotor.

Two goals of the kindergarten were the development of a positive self image and the development of the child's ability to communicate through the expression of his ideas and his feelings. Public support of the Title I Pre-school program has been excellent. Parents have been very cooperative and when we consider the importance of early childhood development we feel that this program has greatly strengthened the educational program of Coffee County.



Mrs. Patey Britt, Title I Reading teacher, works on vocabulary, using word wheels and consonant blends to make new words at Mt. Pleasant Junior High School.



A teacher-aide under the O.E.O. program helps work with a group of pre-school children at Kinston High School.



Mrs. Melinda Sanders, Title I Reading teacher, uses "Listen and Think" tapes with a 6th grade Title I group at New Hope Junior High School.

Mrs. Myrtle L. Pierce works with a third grade Title I Reading class at Kinston High School.



FINALLY the proposed street from the Dorsey parking lot on the Opp Highway to the Taylor Mill Road has become a reality. With City and County forces cooperating, the heavy congestion of traffic on Highway 84 during the early morning rush and even greater in the evenings has been relieved, if only slightly. With this new street, all the traffic going toward Pine Level, Brantley and other points north of Elba can avoid the bottlenecks of traffic entering Highway 84 and traveling along that highway. Planning officials note that they plan to complete the paving on this street before the summer is over.



CITY CLERK TOM DYESS SURVEYS RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS



SITE OF FUTURE MULBERRY PARK

The City of Elba, Alabama has received a grant of \$60,000 from H.U.D. (Dept. of Housing and Urban Development) and have made plans to purchase sites and develop five neighborhood parks for the use of the general public. All sites are to have approximately the same general development and recreational facilities.

The five parks are: The American Legion Park, Mul-

berry School Park, River Park, Hudson Property Park, and the Lawford Property Park. The American Legion Park will be the largest Park, containing slightly over six acres. The Jaycees Baseball Park, near Cook Chevrolet will be moved to a new location at the American Legion. Slight modifications of the American Legion baseball field will be required, but according to the City Clerk

Tom Dyess, everything should work out fine. There will also be basketball equipment, a bar-b-que area, and an outdoor pavilion for skating, dancing, picnics hand concerts, and other events.

The other recreational areas, although they will be somewhat smaller, will have basically the same equipment and will be located near a local neighborhood.

PAGE AIRCRAFT IS SOLD TO NORTHROP

Northrop Corporation announced today it has acquired for cash all of the assets of Page Aircraft Maintenance, Inc., an Oklahoma based firm known in the aircraft maintenance and support services industry as Page Aircraft Maintenance, Inc. The purchase price was not disclosed.

In making the announcement Northrop said the firm is being renamed Northrop Worldwide Aircraft Services, Inc. Northrop sees the acquisition as a means of complementing and extending its present extensive aircraft support services operations for U. S. and Allied Government Agencies. Further growth of the aircraft maintenance and support market is anticipated as a result of a trend toward greater use of contract civilian personnel, rather than military personnel for aircraft maintenance.

Current annual sales of PAMI are running slightly in excess of \$20 million. The company has a long record of profitability.

PAMI has approximately 2,000 employees assigned to contract aircraft and helicopter maintenance operations at Fort Rucker, Alabama, the U. S. Army's Major Aviation Training Center; Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where the Army maintains a fleet of helicopters for avionics flight testing; Fort Stewart, Georgia, home of the Army's Advanced Helicopter and Fixed Wing Training Programs; Fort Huachuca, Arizona, The Home of the Strategic Communications Command; Dugway Proving Ground, Utah; and White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. In addition, the company is forming several helicopter support contracts for the U. S. Forest Service and performing other commercial aircraft engine overhaul work as well.

PAMI was founded in 1957 and was named for its principal founder, E. Page, a prominent Oklahoma Aviation Leader. The company is not related to another Northrop subsidiary, Page Communications Engineers, Inc., of Vienna, Virginia. Company headquarters are at Lawton, Oklahoma.

PAMI will be operated as a unit of Northrop Corporation's Aircraft Division, Hawthorne, California, which in addition to manufacturing jet aircraft assemblies, provides aircraft support services on a worldwide basis.

Wolfe E. Gotsch, Vice President and General Manager of the Aircraft Division, has been named Chairman of the Board. He replaced Mr. Page, who resigned to pursue other business interests.

Rex H. Madeira, PAMI President, will continue in that capacity under the new ownership.

A. L. Charipar, General Manager of the Fort Rucker Division, advises that the acquisition will not alter in any manner the current operations. The impact locally will be one of a name change with no changes in the incumbent management.

SINGING SET AT SASSER MILL

A singing will be held Saturday night, June 10th at the Sasser Mill Assembly of God Church on 141 near Pine Level. The event will begin at 7:30 and feature "The Landmarks" of Eufaula, and "The Davis Brothers" of Luverne. Everyone is invited to attend.

GEORGE WALLACE 'GET WELL CARD' READY FOR SIGNING

Local citizens who would like their signatures on the "Get Well Card" for Governor George Wallace are reminded that the card is located at Daniels Gulf Service Station.

The card was custom made by a Coffee County citizen and will be transported to Governor Wallace when everyone has had ample time to sign their name.

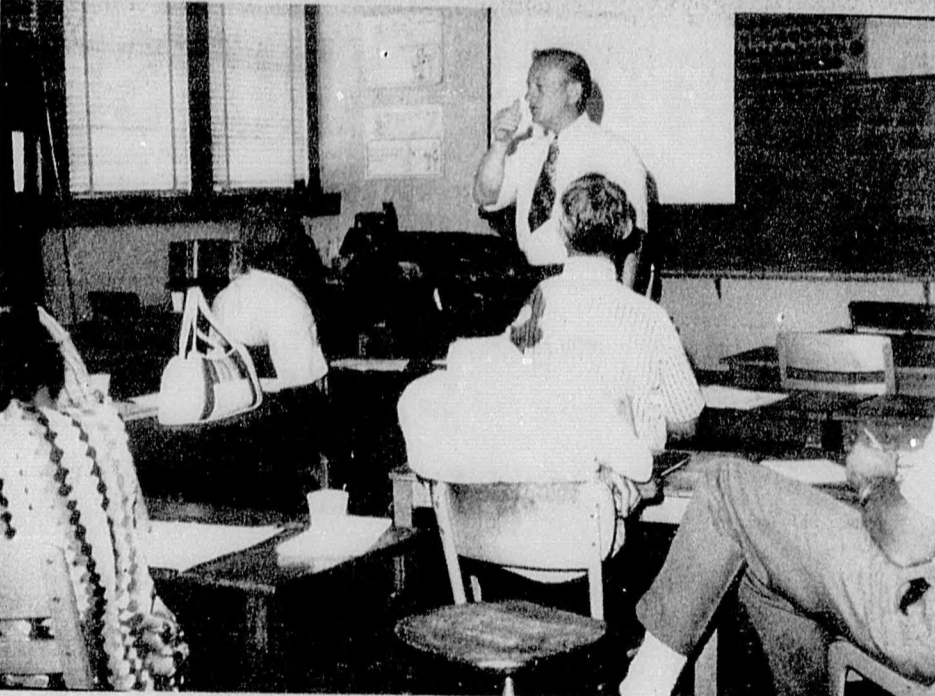
RESCUE REPORT

The Elba Rescue Squad answered 4 local calls, from May 29, 1972 through June 4, 1972 involving 9 man hours and a distance of 98 miles. Also they had one call to Blountstown, Florida involving 240 miles and 85 man hours.



Advertising of Dorsey Trailers in a national trucking industry magazine scored the highest readership in Chart Services, the research organization that conducted the study. The above photo shows presentation of a plaque commemorating the achievement.

Left to right: Chester Herrington, advertising director of Commercial Car Journal; Frank A. Muller, Dorsey Vice President, sales, and Morris Timbes, president of the company's advertising agency, Timbes & Yeager, Inc.



TEACHERS ATTEND WORKSHOP AT LOCAL SCHOOL

Forty-five teachers including the Elba High School Staff and representatives from the elementary and middle schools attended a three-day workshop at the local high school June 5-7. The purpose of the workshop was to acquire techniques and procedures for developing materials for individualization of learning, expediting the use of these materials in the classrooms, and designing instruments of evaluating and reporting pupil progress.

Dr. Gardner Swenson of the Teachers Union Exchange (TUE) - an association of consultants, Salt Lake City, Utah provided the expertise in knowledge and skills in the preparation and production of individualized instructional materials for the forty five local teachers. Other consultants were provided by the Pamlico Area Educational Cooperative (PAEC) in Blount, Florida.

The workshop organized and conducted the workshop utilizing the following techniques: Establishment of a behavioral objective, Team teaching by the team consultants, Flexible scheduling techniques during the workshop, Grouping of participants to achieve their specific instructional objective, Multi-media environment, Independent study, and Non-gradedness.

Dr. Swenson and his staff also provided consultant services on a basis of adequate to meet the needs of the teachers in the workshop. Such services shall include working with individuals, teams, and the total faculty in the application of such techniques as may be deemed suited to the needs of the pupils and assisting the participants in developing educational programs and materials necessary for enhancing individual differences in the instructional program.

The local system has been engaged in reorganization of curriculum for several years through the in-depth programs of in-service for the implementation of an individualized instructional program directed toward meeting the individual needs and differences of all students.

Opportunity for improving teacher competencies in this area has been made available through the Emergency School Assistance Program (ESAP) and the Elba City Board of Education.

The activities of the ESA program have been coordinated by Mrs. Helen McCollough, director; Elmer Taylor, superintendent; and Lamar Foley, principal.

Swimming Lessons Are Planned At Local Pools

RIVER POOL

Free swimming lessons will be taught at the Elba City Pool this summer by Roland Powell. Sign-up dates will be during the week of June 5-11 between the hours of 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The course is for non-swimmers only in the age group of first, second and third grades of the 1971-72 school years. Lessons will begin at 5 p.m. on June 12 at the pool.

MULBERRY POOL

Free swimming lessons will be taught at the Mulberry Heights Pool this summer by Frank Phillips. Sign-up dates will be during the week of June 5-11 between the hours of 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The course is for non-swimmers only in the age group of first, second, and third grades of the 1971-72 school years. Lessons will begin at 5 p.m. on June 12 at the pool.

BLOODMOBILE TO COME HERE ON MONDAY, JUNE 12

It takes all types especially young people could be the motto of the Coffee County Red Cross Bloodmobile. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Elba First Baptist Church on June 12 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and they need the help of the entire town and surrounding area to make this visit a success.

Donors who support the Blood Program are demonstrating their concern for human life - so show your concern by giving a pint of blood.

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET TONIGHT

THE American Legion and Auxiliary will have their regular monthly meeting Thursday night (tonight) June 8th at 7:30 P.M. at the Legion Home on the Troy Highway. All members are urged to be present.



HERMAN DAHLKE NOW SELLING AT COOK CHEVROLET

Mr. Herman Dahlke is now associated with Cook Chevrolet as a car salesman. He and his family, the former June English, daughter of the former Probate Judge J. O. English, and daughter, Beth moved to Elba in February of this year from Dothan where they had resided for the past 8 years. They built a home on the Old Samson Road and their comment was "It's good to be back home."

Owner Drexel Cook said, "We are delighted we were able to attract Mr. Dahlke into our business. It is another step in our continuing efforts to get the very best people to serve our customers."